

6 June 1951

Mr. Francis D. Flanagan
Chief Counsel
Investigations Subcommittee
Senate Committee on Expenditures
in the Executive Departments
Washington 25, D. C.

Ref: Your File No. 27-11

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in connection with the Senate Investigations Subcommittee investigation of the operations of the United States Maritime Commission. In your letter you request the declassification of a letter from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, dated 1 December 1949. We have no objection to declassifying our letter to "Restricted", and I am attaching a "Restricted" copy of it for your use.

You will note that one line of our letter has been omitted from the attached copy. This line indicates the source of our information in this matter, and we have therefore eliminated it. I trust you will understand that our responsibility for protecting our sources of information makes it necessary to delete this one line. The elimination in no way changes the sense of the letter. We have retained a "Restricted" classification on the letter so that it may be utilized by you in the course of your investigation, but it is requested that it not be made a part of any official transcript of your hearings or released to the public.

As you have stated, our letter was acknowledged by the Chairman of the Maritime Commission under date of 9 December 1949. We have no authority to declassify General Fleming's letter, but we have no objection should the Maritime Commission wish to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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